

# GEEBUNG STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 6, 21 August 2014

## From the Principal

Welcome to our newsletter. With winter nearing the end of its cold chill we are all (well some of us) looking forward to spring.

We (the years 6 and 7 students) are in Canberra this week. With day 1 done and dusted the students have represented the school really well using their manners and getting involved in the activities at the mint and national portrait gallery.

Term 3 can bring challenges for families and schools alike. To the parents we have spent time working with in the past weeks as we navigate our way through some issues, thanks for your co-operation and consideration. If schools and families work together we can usually have a win for all concerned.

NAPLAN results arrived in the school this week. To those parents who have children in years 3, 5 and 7 you will receive these as soon as possible. Please take the time to read these and in the first instance if there are any questions please contact your teacher. There are a number of valuable pieces of information that come from these reports. The first is distance travelled, if the students have undertaken a previous NAPLAN test then look at both to see how far they have moved over the 2 years. It is also informative to see where your child has done well and what areas they still need to improve on. Again if you have questions please contact us and we will walk you through these.

Congratulations to all children who were part of the Bramble Bay Track and Field event last week. To make the team is an achievement and to learn to enjoy days like this and to win and lose is all part of children's development. To those students (Shelbe H, Kodi D, Amber N and Kelvin B) who made the Bramble Bay Team congratulations and good luck at the upcoming event.

The final point I have to make is to thank the students, staff and parents who have adopted the vegie garden. It is great to see all parties working together and it certainly is gaining momentum. Thanks and well done to all!

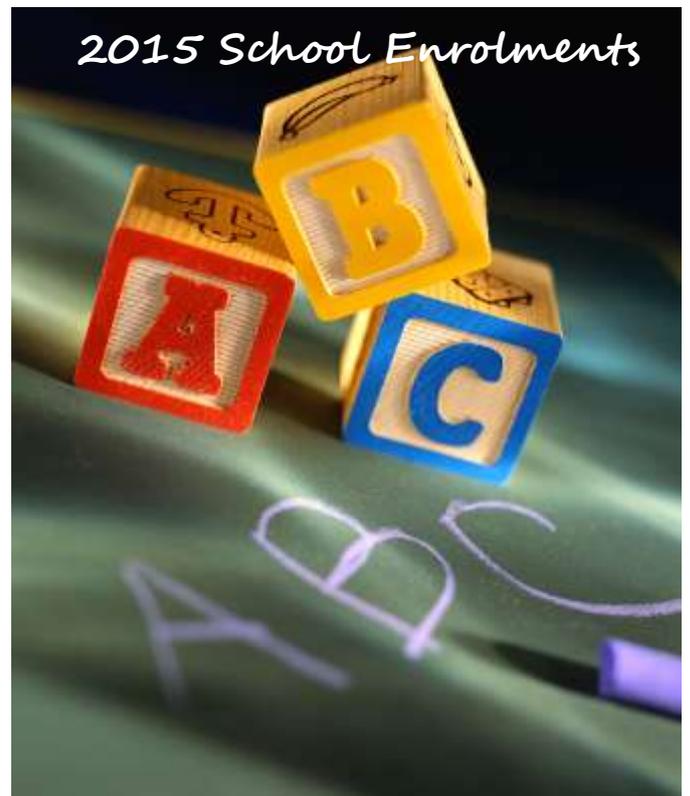
Have a great fortnight.

**Stephen Auer**  
Principal



Geebung  
State School

## 2015 School Enrolments



Parents and caregivers with children starting Prep in 2015 are asked to please make contact with the school to enrol for next year at their earliest convenience.

Please encourage relatives and friends who are considering enrolments for 2015 to make contact with the school. While the start of the 2015 school year may seem a long way off, the official staffing process for next year has begun and early knowledge of enrolments assists us greatly with our planning.

Each and every member of our school community,  
believes that each and every child can and will achieve.

# From the Deputy Principal

Well many of our friends and colleagues from year 6 & 7 are on a fantastic trip in Canberra. I've checked in with them a couple of times and it sounds like they are having a great time and that the students are representing the school very well at all the venues and activities. Importantly the students are engaging in a wonderful program that will teach them first-hand about the political and general history of our great country.

A reminder to the community that the school has a range of resources that we can access on site and off site to support a range of student needs. We have a process for accessing each of these resources and in most cases this begins with the student case manager, their class teacher. Can I also add that often demand will dictate how quickly these resources can be accessed and we will endeavour to keep you informed as to the progress of applications and meetings and the like. Underpinning this process will always be sound communication and we encourage you to always check in with your child's teacher for information.

Ritsumeikan students will arrive this Monday for a two week visit. This will be a wonderful two weeks. We ask that everyone from our community shows our visitors the Geebung spirit and looks for ways to be welcoming as a host school.

In teaching news, our school has been invited to attend a cluster moderation event at Virginia State School. Our teachers will meet with other schools to discuss student work samples across each year level. Student identity is removed from the work samples and teachers will engage in robust conversation around the validity of our grading. This is an important process to make sure we aren't "isolated" in our teacher judgements and to connect with colleagues from surrounding schools to widen our network of resources.

School photos are coming up. Please make sure your child wears the check formal uniform on Tuesday 2 September 2014. We will also have a special visit from the RACQ Streets ahead program as part of our Active Travel to School program. This will aim to talk with students about road safety, an important message for everyone.

**Matthew Meharg**  
Deputy Principal

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## Weekly Events

### TUESDAY

9:00am School Banking Day

### WEDNESDAY

8:15am Active School Travel—meet at 7th Brigade Park

2:30-3:00pm Assembly in School Activities Hall

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# Dates to Remember

## AUGUST

18-22	Years 6 & 7 Canberra Trip
19	Pre-Prep Program 9:00 –11:00am 10am School Tour
20	Year 5 Parent Camp Meeting 6:00-6:30pm—5A Classroom
25	Payment due for Author Visit
25-29	Book Week
25 Aug—4 Sep	Students visiting from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School 2014
27	Dress Up Parade for Book Week —2pm in Activities Hall
28	Author Visit – Peter Carnavas
29	Interschool Sport

## SEPTEMBER

1 & 2	RACQ Streets Ahead Program
2	School Photos Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
3	Spring Treat Day Tuckshop
4	Father's Day Stall
5	Payment due Excursion Caboolture Historical Centre
11	Excursion 3B & 3/4B to Caboolture Historical Centre
12	Interschool Sport
16	Pre-Prep Program
19	Junior School Athletics Carnival Term 3 ends

## OCTOBER

6	Labour Day Public Holiday
7	Term 4 begins
8-10	Year 5 Trip to Currimundi
9	Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
20	Student free Day
23	Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

## NOVEMBER

6	Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
10-12	Book Fair
19	Inaugural Music Art & Dance (MAD) Concert
20	Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am

## DECEMBER

4	Pre-Prep Program 9:00-11:00am
12	Last Day Term 4

# Library Resource Centre News

**Book Week:** Connect to Reading – 25—29 August 2014

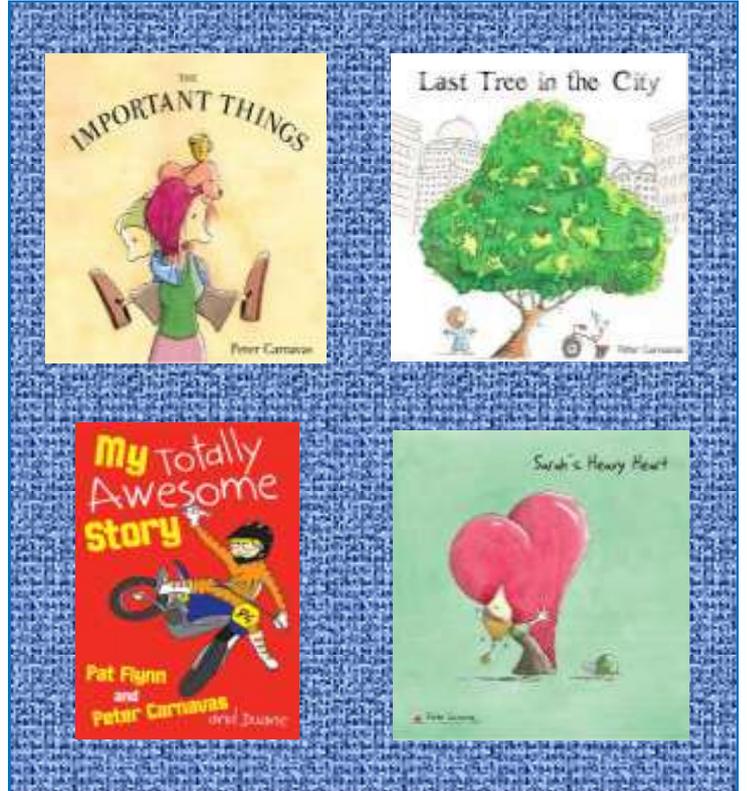
Our school will be celebrating **BOOK WEEK** next week. Book Week is a time when our school highlights the importance of reading and draws upon the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.

The students have begun embracing the Literature from the shortlist of Book Week books. Our Book Week celebrations will include a Dress Up Parade on Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 2.00pm in the hall. Each class will focus upon books from the Book Week selection. Parents are very welcome to come and enjoy the celebrations and view the class displays in the Library. Various competitions are about to begin in the Library. Book Week Competitions are to be returned to the Library by Friday 22 August 2014.

**Author Visit:** Peter Carnavas

During Book Week, **Peter Carnavas**, an author and illustrator from the Sunshine Coast, will visit our school to speak about the process of writing and illustrating. Would families please return the note with the \$3:00 to the school office to ensure your child can attend this educational activity.

**Julie Silva**  
Teacher Librarian



## Music

Hi Everyone

Just a reminder this week that Choir rehearsals continue in earnest as we look to our next performance at our end of year Concert.

Remember our two choirs here at Geebung- **Junior Choir** (Year 1 to Year 3) rehearsal time Mondays at second break and **Senior Choir** (Year 4 to Year 7) rehearsal time Mondays first break and Tuesdays at second break. I would love to see all the students who participated in the choirs last semester to continue and any children interested in singing to come along.

Being part of the Choir program is made through a commitment to in School rehearsals and practice at home. It is in this way we can improve our musical skills to lead to more rewarding performance experiences.

Remember all are welcome to join in the fun!

Yours in Music,

**Julie West**  
Classroom Music Specialist/ Choral Conductor



# Chaplain's Corner

Hi just a brief update on some of the things that have taken place in the chaplaincy service.

The Loom Band club has been going well.

Mrs Smith and I would both like to thank the school community for your support through donations of looms and bands and also via helping out.

A couple of weeks ago I attended the SU staff conference, once again this year through a variety of mediums I learnt a lot and hope to be able to implement some of these ideas into the chap-

laincy service here at Geebung State School.

Last Tuesday I attended the Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival. Our students showed great sportsmanship even when disappointed and it was great to see them waiting for their events and talking to students from other schools. They did very well and we all should be very proud of them.

**"A day without laughter is a day wasted" Nicholas Chamfort**

**Chappy Kerry**

# Japan Study Tour 2015

We would love to offer your child a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Study Tour of Japan again during the September/October holidays in 2015.

Our Japanese teacher, Tsunehiro Nonaka is planning a Study Tour to Japan for students in years 5, 6 and 7 (= years 6, 7, and 8 in 2015). We are going to a Japanese school, the Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Samurai Movie theme park in Kyoto, Tokyo Disney Land, Miyajima-Island, Science Museum, etc.

The due date for expression of interest is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2014. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact sensei, Tsunehiro Nonaka at [tnona15@eq.edu.au](mailto:tnona15@eq.edu.au). Thank you and Arigato.

(Note: Year 7 and 8 students will need their permission from the principals of their high schools next year.)

**Tsunehiro Nonaka**  
**Japanese Teacher**

# School Photo Day



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Our school photos will be taken on the **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.**

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. *Please note:* Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code- **VLV Y2N YFC**. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos may be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photography day, **Online Orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off 48hrs before our photography day** to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling Photos can still be ordered after the Online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office in the usual way and returning the envelope on photo day with payment enclosed.
2. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a **LATE FEE** will apply.
3. The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order *previous years'* sports and other group photos at any time.

**All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.**

# HPE

The HPE award acknowledges exceptional effort and attitude in HPE lessons. This week's winners were Noa P (PB) and Deborah C (1B) for being cooperative and helpful team members.

Last week, a group of students represented the school at the Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival. All students displayed a high level of skill and ability with outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done to Shelbe H (high jump), Amber N (long jump and discus) Kodi D (high jump) and Kelvin B (shot put and discus) who will now compete at the Met North Athletics Trials.

The Junior School Athletics Carnival is planned for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The event will run for the morning session and will be a great way to finish off a fantastic term.

The interschool sport competition continues next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 with finals on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Please ensure students bring plenty of water, lunch and a hat. If parents are interested in assisting with interschool sport please contact the office, any extra help with transitioning teams to their games, scoring and/or umpiring would be fantastic.

**Leigh Stagg**  
HPE Co-ordinator

## Gardening

Eighteen excited Geebung students volunteered their lunch hour a couple of weeks ago to assist with the latest vegetable plantings. Many thanks to Brett and parent Tamara Sherlock for their invaluable help.

The types of seedlings (and seeds) chosen were a result of student voting, seasonal planting, companion planting (what grows well together) and trying new varieties. Keep an eye out in the next few months for harvests of leeks, egg plants, red onion, brown onion, radishes, burpless cucumber, sugar snap peas, several varieties of lettuce, carrots, and beetroot as well as parsley and other herbs.

The plantings will remain for the time being according to the moon calendar as we have had much success with minimal fertilising and no pesticides. Have a chat with your kids to see if they would like to help during the lunch break. Brett often has jobs for the willing workers....this week he is using bamboo from the school grounds to make trellises for the vegetable patch.

Produce is for sale Tuesday - Thursday depending on availability. Keep an eye out at the Tuckshop or at Assembly. You can also receive updates via the Geebung P&C Association Facebook page so join if you haven't already! The school's produce is pesticide free and cheap. All money goes back to the school.

**Trudi Melloy**  
School Gardening Co-ordinator



## Assembly Awards



# P&C Uniform Shop

## UNIFORM SHOP

There has been some talk around the school from parents and carers regarding our formal uniform supplier. I would like to confirm that Lowes and Rowena's are the two stockists used by the school community to purchase formal uniforms. The school uniform shop is the only stockist for the polo shirt, winter jacket & jumper and bucket hat.

Did you order a full zip GSS polar fleece jacket? They are now in stock except size 10 which have had a dye issue. More size 10s are on the way and I apologise for the lengthy delay in this order. Should you wish to discuss your order, please come in to see me or call the P&C Office on 3865 5022 and leave a message.

Year 6 and 7 students - need an extra senior polo shirt?? I have one size 14 senior polo shirt from each year level available for \$28.00.

**Please note that second hand commission is now 30%.** An increase was necessary due to time spent on these sales and is comparable with many other P&C Associations.

GSS Bucket Hats are available everyday at the tuckshop @ \$10.00.

Friendly reminder of our school's dress code ...

*Under Section 360 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a school Principal may develop a Dress Code for the school's students in consultation with the parents, students and staff at the school. This document articulates the acceptable*

*dress standard for students of Geebung State School which has been developed through consultation between the Parents & Citizens Association, the School Administration and the wider community.*

*The Geebung State School community actively supports the implementation of a school uniform for students. Children are encouraged to wear the school uniform each day and students are especially requested to be in the appropriate uniform at formal occasions (Assembly, Anzac Day Ceremony, School photo's) and when participating in special events or activities (sport, band/choir performances or excursions).*

*Our uniform is a green, black and white check shirt or dress, bottle green and white polo shirt with embroidered school badge, black shorts/skirt/pants/skort, bucket hat with embroidered school badge, white/black or bottle green socks, black enclosed shoes or black/white joggers.*

The shop hours for term three will be Wednesday 8.15am - 9.15am and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am.

Eftpos is available on all purchases over \$10.

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property rack will be out on display **all day Friday** under the stairs to the art room. Items found with names are returned to students via the office. Only items that have no name are placed on the lost property rack.

**Fleur Stanford**  
**Uniform Shop Convenor**

# P&C News

It was a beautiful morning on Monday for our senior student's flight to Canberra. They were all very excited and looked smart in their Canberra Tour 2014 jumpers.

The Garden Club has now become an official subcommittee of the P&C. We look forward to the updates in the newsletter each fortnight. Trudi and the team are doing a great job and the produce from the vegetable plots is delicious.

Recently the tuckshop air conditioner gave its last breath – to help with the cost for a new system the tuckshop will be running a weekly meat raffle. Each week from Wednesday to Wednesday tickets will be on sale for \$2, the prize of a \$30 meat tray from Gern's Butchery will be drawn and announced at assembly.

This term is our Father's Day Stall & Raffle. Look out for raffle tickets coming home soon. The stall will be held on Thursday, 4

September 2014, if you are able to help out at the stall please contact the P&C. We are also asking for donations for raffle prizes, these can be left at the school office. Donations of ribbon and cellophane bags for the stall are also very welcome.

Our Facebook page – Geebung State School P&C Association is going very well. It is a great way to be kept in the loop about what is happening in the school community. Our aim is to have 100 members by the end of August. The page is closely monitored and we hope that all members will use the page respectfully. If you would like to join please make a request via Facebook.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 September at 7pm in the library.

**Leanne Hayden**  
**P & C Secretary**

# Tuckshop

To help pay for a new air conditioner we are running a meat raffle. Tickets are \$2:00 each for a \$30:00 meat tray from Gerns.

Treat Day is fast approaching please get your orders in. If you could help on the day please phone and book in.

Donations of muffin mix are always needed.

Helpers are needed on Monday's, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

**Leanne & Helen**  
**Tuckshop Convenors**

# Notices

**Sign on now!**  It's all about Family, Fun and Fitness!

## Aspley Little Athletics Centre Inc.

All **BOYS** and **GIRLS** 5 Years to U17

**SIGN-ON:**

- Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2014, 9:00am – 11:00am
- Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014, 5:30pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014, 9:00am – 11:00am

Proof of Age – Birth Certificate or extract is required. You can also sign on anytime during the season. Not sure? Try out for two weeks, free of charge, at any time during the season!

**WHERE:** Paul O'Brien Oval, Bowden Park, Maidencombe Street, Geelong

**COST:** 1<sup>st</sup> child - \$175 3<sup>rd</sup> child - \$163 2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$165 4<sup>th</sup> child and each child thereafter - \$125 (Includes membership at Kedron Wavell Services Club for 1 adult, plus \$20 book of raffle tickets for each family)

**SEASON STARTS:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and every week thereafter, 8:00am – 12 noon. Friday night meetings are scheduled for December 2014 – February 2015 from 6:00pm – 9:30pm.

For more information contact:  
 Andrew Weare - 0155 5765 (Club President)  
 Tebba Dunn - 0400 021 825 (Club Secretary)  
 Paula Tobin - 0450 209 541 (Community Liaison Officer)  
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**Season Duration:**

- Wednesday U13 and U17 teams – 8.10.14 to 3.12.14
- Thursday U11 and U9 teams – 9.10.14 to 4.12.14

**Cost:**

- Team registration fee: \$100 (non-refundable; payed in advance with registration) forms **WILL NOT** be accepted without \$100 registration fee
- U13/U17 – 8 a side - \$650 / team
- U9 / U11 – 6 a side - \$490 / team
- Balance payable before the first game on the first night of play.
- Players who are not currently registered with a hockey club will incur a \$20 insurance fee to Hockey Queensland. (payable prior to the first game)

**For your registration form or any queries, please contact the Junior Administrator:**  
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